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(*d*) what is the accommodation available in the said hospital; and

(*e*) what is the average number of in-patients in the hospital this year?

DR. S. JOHN : (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*). The answer is in the affirmative.

(*d*) 126 beds (72 for males and 54 for females).

(*e*) The daily average is 150.

Defalcation case in the Alwaye Municipality.

17 **MR. P. O. THOMAS:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation from the Municipal Councillors about the unsatisfactory nature of the investigation of the defalcation case of the Alwaye Municipality; and

(*b*) whether the Government enquired into the allegation in that representation?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Deaths in the State due to snake-bite.

18 **MR. M. K. CHANDRASEKHARA BHATTATHIRI :** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of deaths in the State due to snake-bite in the years 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118 and 1119;

(*b*) number of applications received for grant for Vishavaidyasalas during these years and the number of grants given; and

(*c*) number of grant-in-aid Vishavaidyasalas in the State?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : (*a*) Accurate and comprehensive statistics are not available. Number of deaths according to the registers maintained in Grant-in-aid Vishavaidyasalas is as follows —

1115	...	74
1116	...	83
1117	...	85
1118	...	79
1119	...	83

(*b*) The labour involved in collecting the information is not commensurate with its possible utility. Six grants were given during the years referred to, including one grant from a Municipality.

(*c*) 20 Vishavaidyasalas and 3 combined vaidyasalas providing for visha treatment also.

Settlement rate of Thiruppuvaram

19 **MR. M. K. CHANDRASEKHARA BHATTATHIRI :** Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether they have issued any general order to correct the existing settlement rate of Thiruppuvaram into pre-settlement rate with a view to wipe off the difference in cases in which such differences have occurred; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date of order?

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